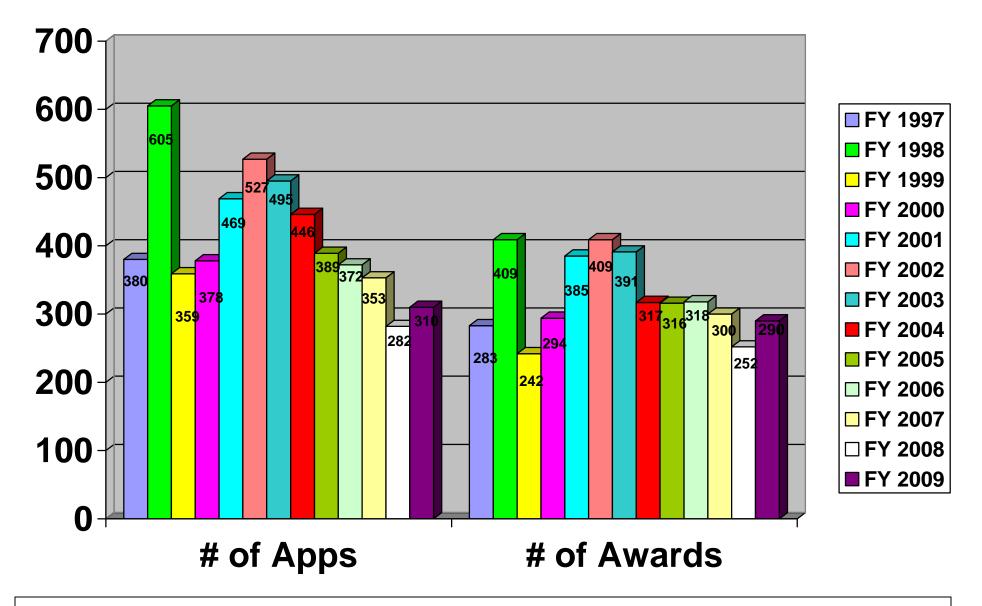


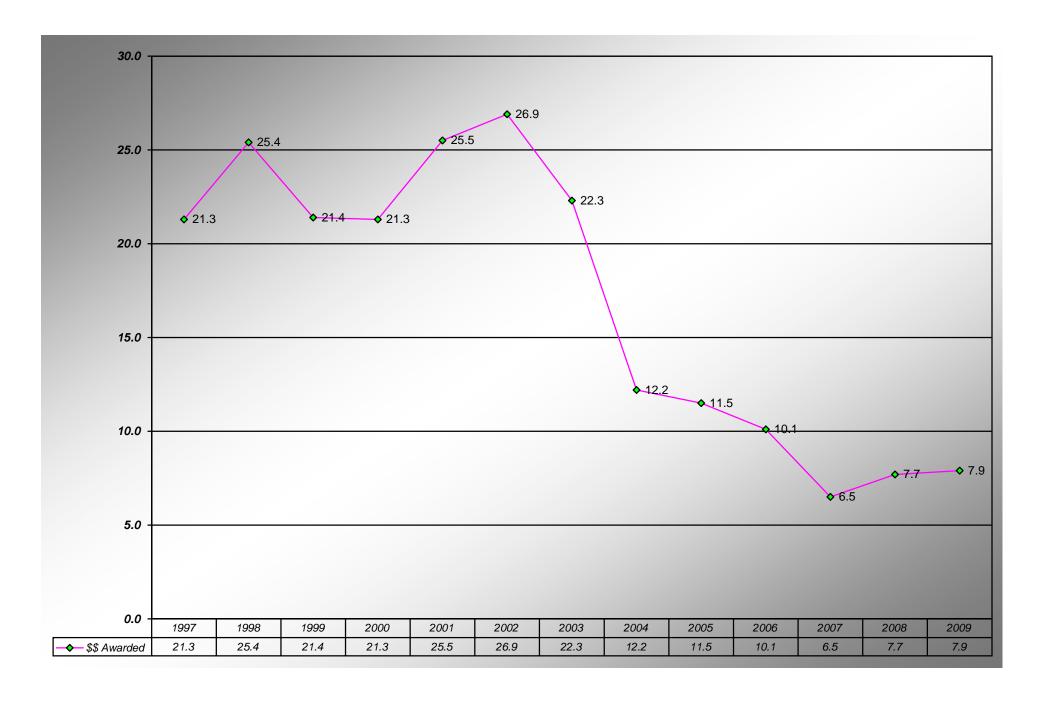
Below are some charts comparing the MCACA programs and funding since 1997, including one overlay of the data.

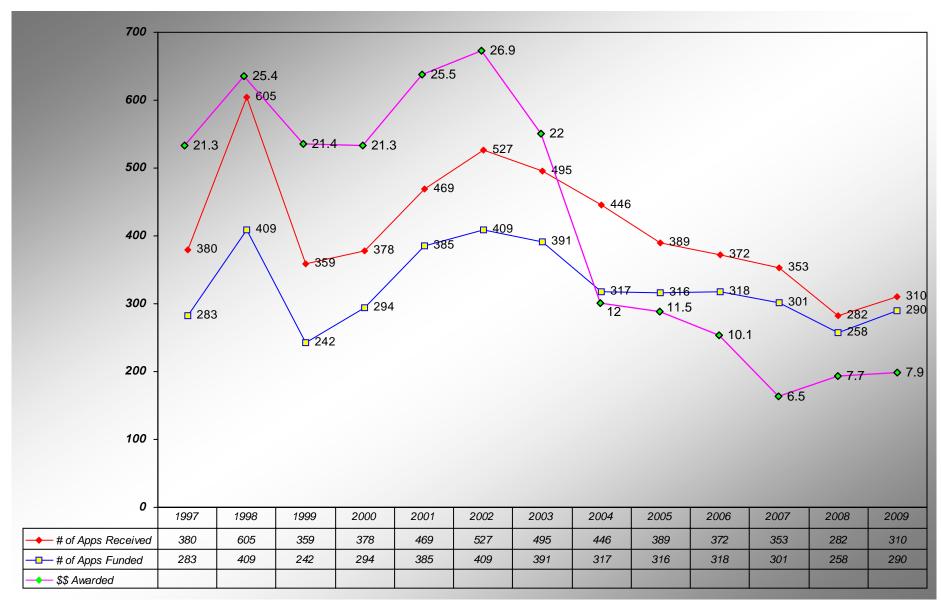
I think you will see that if we are in a race with other states to attract and retain our best and brightest... we're losing the race. You will note the large number of Applications in 1998. We received a supplemental that year and created a one-time program for application called the "ACCESS" program.



One thing to keep in mind is that, although MCACA has made every attempt to continue funding a high percentage of applicants to our programs, as our funding decreased the percentage of dollar request awarded dropped severely. Finally in FY 2007 we adjusted our maximum requests amount, cutting most of our programs maximum requests by 50%. For example in the Arts Projects program the maximum grant request went from \$30,000 to \$15,000.

## **Grant Award Dollar Amounts in Millions**





Total \$\$ Awarded: (in millions)

| 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 21.3 | 25.4 | 21.4 | 21.3 | 25.5 | 26.9 | 22.3 | 12.2 | 11.5 | 10.1 | 6.5  | 7.7  | 7.9  |